

PRETTY CAR SLAYER KILLS SELF

THOMAS FAILS TO SEE BRYAN

Instead He Pays Call on Carroll

"Just Friendly Visit," Explains State Law Enforcement Officer; Governor Pleads Ignorance.

No Barrooms Discussed

Elmer Thomas, prohibition director, following an announcement by T. F. Stroud, candidate for city commissioner, that 14 "barrooms" are operating in Omaha, hurried to Lincoln Friday, but, contrary to information given by his associates, he did not see Governor Bryan.

Instead, Thomas called upon State Law Enforcement Officer Tom Carroll.

"Yes, we had a friendly visit," said Carroll, "but we didn't discuss any 'barrooms.' We talked over prohibition enforcement in general. That's our duty, you know."

Co-operation of Course. Carroll declined to state whether the discussion centered particularly about Omaha and so-called "vice conditions" here.

"Of course I promised him the co-operation of my department," Carroll concluded. "Why shouldn't I?"

News To Governor. The governor pleads absolute ignorance of Thomas' visit to Lincoln, or of its purpose.

"What did he come to Lincoln for?" he asked.

"No, he didn't come to see me, or at least if he did I wasn't told about it," Thomas returned to Omaha, last night.

31 AUTOS BURN IN BLAZE AT CHADRON

Chadron, Neb., April 25.—Thirty-one automobiles stored in the Chadron City garage were destroyed, along with the building, by fire early today, causing a loss estimated at \$25,000.

Exploding gasoline tanks and a high north wind handicapped firefighters and added to danger of the blaze spreading. A short circuit in the electric lighting system was believed by Don Brattin, owner, to have caused the fire.

Among cars lost were five trucks of the Roberts Paving company of Lincoln.

AL JOLSON SUED BY D. W. GRIFFITH

New York, April 25.—Al Jolson, comedian, was sued for \$500,000 for alleged breach of contract today by D. W. Griffith, motion picture producer.

The complaint filed in federal district court alleged that Jolson, after having agreed to appear in several pictures for Griffith's concern, had abandoned the job in the middle of what was to have been his first film.

He was said to have quit because he had decided he was "no moving picture actor."

FISHING TUG CREW REPORTED LOST

Cleveland, O., April 25.—Reports of the burning of a fishing tug with the loss of its crew, 12 1/2 miles east of Southeast shoals at the head of Lake Erie, were received by the Security Radio company here tonight.

We Have With Us Today

Ed S. Vaught, Oklahoma City, Attorney.

Mr. Vaught, past president of the International Association of Lions clubs and chairman of the program committee which is making plans for the international convention in Omaha, June 23 to 27, was born in Virginia in 1873. He attended country school and later was graduated from Emory and Henry college.

He then engaged in the business of teaching the youth of Virginia, Tennessee, and finally Oklahoma. He was first in charge of a country school, but in 1901 he went to Oklahoma City, where, for five years he was superintendent of schools. Then he engaged in the law business. He was president of the Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce for a time, and a member of the Oklahoma state board of education.

Only a few days ago he was elected delegate to the republican national convention at Cleveland, and like the 22 other delegates from Oklahoma, he will vote for Coolidge, he says.

Babe Ruth's Homer Wins Game for Yankees

Babe Ruth's home run in the third inning Friday, with Bush and Dugan on base, enabled the Yankees to defeat the Red Sox, 5 to 2. It was Ruth's third home run of the season and the fifth straight victory for the Yankees.

Armed guards have been set over Wise Counselor, John S. Ward's Kentucky derby hope and the public's present choice for the \$50,000 race at Churchill Downs May 14, according to a copyrighted story in the Louisville Times Friday.

Joe Jackson, former outfielder of the Chicago club of the American league, will appeal from the recent decision of Judge Gregory in setting aside a verdict of more than \$16,000 against the club, for alleged back salary.

Charles West, Washington and Jefferson college athlete, captured the national all-around college title for the second successive year Friday, when he was victorious in the pentathlon, a feature of the opening day of the Penn relay carnival.

Latest news in the world of sport will be found on pages 10 and 11.

Experts' Scheme May Be Delayed by French Stand

British and Belgians Accept Proposals for Immediate Application, Comparison of Replies Shows.

By Associated Press.

Paris, April 25.—The reparation commissioners, making their first informal comparison today of the allied replies concerning the experts' plan, found these answers somewhat divergent, but offering hope that an agreement would be ultimately reached.

The British and Belgians accept the experts' proposals on the whole for immediate application, but the French appear to consider it necessary for the various governments to pass on the reparation commission's decision after they are made.

It is understood that the French reply, in its present form, is regarded as unacceptable to the British government and as requiring negotiations. Consequently it is thought around the commission headquarters that the speed with which action on the experts' report has been taken thus far will not be kept up.

The members of the commission decided informally that Sir John Bradbury and Louis Barthou, their president, should confer with representative financiers of the countries likely to participate in the supplying of capital of the new German gold bank.

They will begin tomorrow with J. P. Morgan, who arrived opportunely in Paris, not knowing beforehand that he was to be consulted while here.

A forecast of the Italian reply from a well informed quarter indicates it is fully in line with the Belgian and British responses.

CALIFORNIA MAN HAMMER VICTIM

Valljo, Cal., April 25.—Without retaining consciousness or giving any clue to the identity of the person or persons responsible for the mysterious assault which caused his death, Ernest Klepstein, Mare Island yard draftsman, died today.

Klepstein was found in his apartment with his head crushed by 16 blows from a hammer, which was imbedded in his skull. He had been mysteriously missing from his employment since Sunday.

"I'm Happy," Reads Note Left by Hungry Mother Who Kills Self and Children

"I Don't Think I Will Have Any Worse Hell in Place Where I Am Going," Writes Woman Before Turning on Gas Jets.

Denver, Colo., April 25.—Because she could not secure food for her three small children, Mrs. Mabel Ward turned on all the gas burners in the stove of her kitchen here today and took the lives of herself and her three children.

The children were two boys, 3 and 4, and a baby girl, 16 months old. Mrs. Ward was the wife of George Ward, employed by a local transfer company. She left the following note:

"Well, folks I guess you think I am not happy, but I am. For a few

Chieftain of Tammany Hall Dies

Charles F. Murphy, Who Fought Way From Stokehold to Quarterdeck of Party Fame, Succumbs.

Throngs Gather at House

New York, April 25.—Charles F. Murphy, grand chieftain of Tammany hall and for many years a powerful factor in democratic councils of the state and nation, died today of heart disease induced by acute indigestion.

A product of the east side's picturesque "gas house district," he had, first with fists and then with brains, fought his way from the stokehold of ward politics to the quarterdeck of party fame and financial fortune. In a span of 66 years he had been poor man's son, world healer, bartender, saloon keeper, office holder, financier, and finally local director and national adviser to his party.

He had graduated from the sobriquet of "Pluto Murphy" through that of "Hurly-Burley." "Sport," "Silent Charles" and at the last, "C. F. M.," the initials by which all knew him, although few of those who obeyed his commands ever had seen him. And always, from merest youth, his name and that of Tammany were linked together.

Dies Few Minutes Later. He retired last night, after a busy day and a hearty dinner, to be awakened this morning by feverish chills and the pungent odor of indigestion. Characteristically, he insisted upon breakfasting at the usual early hour. Immediately he became alarmingly ill and died a few minutes later in the presence of his physician, a priest, his daughter Mable, and her husband, Surgeon James A. Foley.

The chieftain general, who had ruled the destinies of Tammany hall for 22 years as successor to the late Richard Crocker, remained conscious to the end, unaware that death was near. He submitted docilely to the hypodermic injected when his physician recognized that collapse was imminent and he only consented to be awakened when that indication should have awakened him, and that his heart caused him pain.

Mrs. Murphy, who was in Atlantic City, was summoned home. Although her husband died before she could enter, she was not aware of it until she was met by friends at this end of the journey.

Flag Half-staffed. Tammany hall was the first to learn that death had invaded the home of its leader near Gramercy park. The party's Big Wigwag on Fourteenth street half-staffed its flag and went into mourning. Party chiefs and Tammany workers assembled from all outlying wigwags to pay tribute to the memory of their leader and speculate as to his successor. Police and traffic reserves controlled the throngs that gathered about the old fashioned mansion where he died.

Coming at a time when Tammany has girded itself for a strenuous presidential campaign, and so soon after his protégé, Governor Alfred E. Smith, had formally entered the lists for the democratic presidential nomination, Mr. Murphy's death was mourned by high political leaders as a party misfortune, if not an actual calamity.

Successor Sought. Tammany's greatest concern to night was the choice of a man big enough to carry on where Murphy left off. A meeting of the executive committee hastily was called to discuss the situation, although it was understood that a new chieftain would not be named until after the funeral.

It was considered probable that the committee would follow the precedent

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Omaha Bandit "Queen" May Have Engineered Denver Jail Break

Ruth Harris, Wanted Here for Auto Theft, Thought to Have Given Freedom to 15.

Ruth Harris, alleged "bandit" queen, is believed to have engineered the escape of 15 prisoners, all well known to Omaha police, from the county jail at Denver Thursday night.

Police records here show that Ruth Harris, William Dahlund (alias Slippery Dell Hanlon, St. Paul gunman), William Herman and Thomas Edwards stole an automobile owned by A. J. Sietek, 404 North Forty-eighth street, Omaha, March 10. Edwards and Herman were arrested in Denver, but Ruth Harris and Hanlon escaped. They were later apprehended in Wyoming.

Frank Camer, alleged Dundee robber who plied his trade last month while his wife sat outside as "look-out," was also among the prisoners to escape.

Clyde Oldham, another prisoner to take "French leave," was under arrest for Department of Justice operatives as a result of passing bogus money in Omaha.

Denver police are searching for Ruth Harris in the belief that she planned the coup and smuggled



Ruth Harris

weapons into the jail to the prisoners who had been elected to escape.

While Hanlon was the real leader of the jail delivery, Oldham proved to be an able assistant. The entire affair had been planned to the minutest detail.

An automobile was waiting for Hanlon at the entrance of the jail. Police believe Ruth Harris was in this motor car.

Coolidge Seeks Compromise on Jap Exclusion

Arrangement to Satisfy Advocates of Senate Bill and Yet Pacify Orientals Considered by President.

Washington, April 25.—An arrangement with respect to Japanese immigration which will satisfy those advocating exclusion and which at the same time will avoid any affront to Japan is being attempted by President Coolidge.

The president is hopeful that the arrangement can be effected and with that end in view will continue his conferences with congressional leaders and Secretary Hughes. Just what sort of arrangement the executive has in mind was not disclosed at the White House, where the announcement was made today that a compromise move was in progress. None of those who have conferred recently with the president would discuss the matter.

White House officials would not go so far as to say that the president would veto the immigration bill, now in conference between the senate and house, should the proposed arrangement fail of acceptance, but visitors to the White House have found the executive greatly disturbed over the situation resulting from adoption by congress of the provision for Japanese exclusion.

Chairman Colt of the senate immigration committee, who was one of the six senators who voted against the immigration bill, conferred with the president today and laid before the executive his reasons for viewing the exclusion covering the 400 miles from Paris to Budapest yesterday at an average speed of 120 miles an hour.

As the under secretary for air has no funds to provide stocks of spare parts along the route, Dolsy and his mechanic, Sergeant Vesin, are entirely dependent upon themselves for any necessary repairs. If they cannot fix their machine, they will have to come back.

Grand Jury Urges Removal of Nevada Dry Director

Carson City, Nev., April 25.—Removal of Prohibition Director J. P. Donnelly was recommended by the Nevada federal grand jury in its final report submitted to the court this afternoon. The report alleged Donnelly had been "guilty of serious violations of the federal laws."

Married in Council Bluffs. The following persons obtained marriage licenses in Council Bluffs yesterday:

Edna Jackson, Omaha, Ia., to Irene Jackson, Council Bluffs, Ia.; George Bond, Council Bluffs, Ia., to Alice Hille, Council Bluffs, Ia.; Theodore Stinger, Elgin, Ill., to Olga Agnew, Elgin, Ill.; Raymond Neal, Omaha, to Helen Caldwell, Omaha; C. L. McKenna, Omaha, to Mildred Rogers, Omaha; Elmer Seratyan, Omaha, to Esther Hanch, Omaha.

Science Master of Insanity and Age, Says Doctor

Endocrine Glands Hold Key to Life and Death, Physician Tells Chemical Society Members.

Washington, April 25.—Science was declared master over insanity, old age and other ills through study of endocrine glands and discovery of means for their control by Dr. W. J. A. Bailey of New York in a paper before the division of chemistry of medical products of the American Chemical society today.

Describing development of basic knowledge about endocrine radiation with the gamma ray as being of transcending importance to the human race, Dr. Bailey, who is director of the American Endocrine laboratory, declared, "We have cornered aberration, old age, and, in fact, life and death themselves in the endocrines."

"If we look more to the endocrine glands and less to the head," he said, "we have an excellent chance of eradicating insanity."

Nearing Goal. "In and around these glands," he added, "must center future efforts toward human rejuvenation, a goal for which the world has sought and one which now seems to be truly realized."

"Today the decision of the saneness of a man is left to a jury of laymen, who have not the slightest idea of what it is all about. Brain experts, men who have watched and charted erratic behavior instead of studying its cause, will testify in entire disagreement on every case. Yet the student of endocrinology can point with certainty to the factors involved, in a rational, scientific manner. We have too long regarded insanity as purely a brain condition. Its seat is unquestionably in the endocrine glands, which absolutely control every brain function."

Regulate All Activity. "No greater truth has been vouchsafed to mankind than that these lowly masses of colloidal cells regulate all body activity, down to the tiniest cell. I am satisfied, from deft clinical experience with the radiometer that a method of endocrinization, is now available whereby we can definitely, practically without exception, retard the progress of senescence and give a new lease of relatively normal functioning power to those whose sun of life is slowly sinking into the purple shadows of that longest night."

"Rejuvenation means more today than any other subject that can concern a man or woman. The wrinkled face, the drawn skin, the dull eye, the listless gait, the faulty memory, the aching body, the destructive effects of sterility, all spell imperfect endocrine performance."

The Weather

For 24 hours ending 1 p. m., April 25. Precipitation, Inches and Hundredths. Total, 14 inches. Total since January 1, 127 inches, deficiency, 1.29 inches.

Hourly Temperatures.

7 a. m.	49	1 p. m.	52
8 a. m.	44	2 p. m.	52
9 a. m.	44	3 p. m.	52
10 a. m.	44	4 p. m.	52
11 a. m.	47	5 p. m.	51
12 m.	47	6 p. m.	49
1 p. m.	48	7 p. m.	48
2 p. m.	48	8 p. m.	48
3 p. m.	48	9 p. m.	48
4 p. m.	48	10 p. m.	48
5 p. m.	48	11 p. m.	48
6 p. m.	48	12 m.	48

All Balloons in National Race Down

Goodyear III, Piloted by Van Orman, Believed Winner—Honeywell Entry Close Second.

Two Land in Minnesota

San Antonio, Tex., April 25.—All balloons in the national elimination race had landed and reported to the race committee here at 3 p. m. today.

The Honeywell and the Goodyear III were the last to land. The Honeywell landed at Sanborn, Minn., and the Goodyear III at Rochester, Minn.

St. Paul, Minn., April 25.—Two entries in the national elimination balloon race landed in southern Minnesota today, the "Honeywell" landing near Sanborn and the "Goodyear III" coming down five miles north of Rochester.

The "Honeywell" landed without incident. It was piloted by Capt. H. E. Honeywell and was the entry of the Kansas City Co-operative club. The "Goodyear III" tore down the telegraph wires and five poles in landing, wrecking the carriage.

Neither Ward T. Van Orman, pilot, or C. K. Wallen, his aide, were hurt in the landing of the "Goodyear III." Wreckage strewn over the tracks delayed a Chicago Great Western passenger train for 15 minutes.

Although Honeywell and Van Orman are virtually tied for distance from San Antonio, air service officials believe the Goodyear III is the winner by a few miles. Major Peck is probably right. It is not believed here that the American record for distance was broken. It is 1,172 miles.

By Associated Press.

Des Moines, April 25.—An electrical storm in northern Iowa early today brought down two of the balloons in the national elimination balloon race, which started from San Antonio, Tex., Wednesday.

The "Detroit," piloted by Herbert Van Thaden, went down at 4 this morning near Dubuque, and the United States army balloon No. 1, piloted by Maj. Norman W. Peck, was forced to land at St. Ansgar, near the Minnesota line.

The "Goodyear III," piloted by Ward T. Van Orman, was sighted over Volga City early today and was headed due north. At noon today no further reports had been received here from the Goodyear craft and indications were it still was in the air.

The only other balloon, which was still in the race early today, was the "Honeywell," piloted by Capt. H. E. Honeywell. It had not been sighted in Iowa at noon.

FRISCO SLAYER GETS REPRIEVE

San Francisco, April 25.—Last minute reprieve came late Thursday for Isaac Wolfgang, in the death house at the state prison at San Quentin awaiting execution tomorrow morning, when the state supreme court granted a writ of error on its refusal to issue a writ of habeas corpus and sent the case to the supreme court of the United States.

Wolfgang was convicted of the murder in Los Angeles of Policeman Oliver Danmore, when the policeman attempted to arrest him for the theft of a bottle of milk.

Radio Waves Must Go to Church Sunday in Kansas, Attorney General Holds

Little Church at Norway Uses WOAW After Pastor Leaves—but Nearby Station Interferes, Complain Congregation—Will Remedy.

Topeka, Kan., April 25.—If state interference with the radio reception of church services, it is to be classified as the work of the devil or of man? This is the question which trustees of the little pasteurized church at Norway, Kan., submitted to Atty. Gen. Charles B. Griffith today.

The little church at Norway thought it had its minister problem all settled with the advent of radio broadcast church services.

Too small to support a resident minister, the congregation installed a radio receiving set with a loud speaker and assembled on Sunday mornings to tune in on the services of a fashionable Omaha church.

The plan worked neatly, the trustees declared. When the Omaha congregation sang, the worshippers in the little church chimed in. When the Omaha pastor preached, the folks at Norway listened or dined, just like the Omaha congregation. When Omaha announced the offering, the plate was passed in Norway.

Then trouble started. Interference in the form of conflicting waves said to have been sent out by a small broadcasting station near Norway, regularly interrupted the services.

Attorney General Griffith decided that if the broadcaster interfered maliciously he could be prosecuted, charged with a violation of the Kansas law prohibiting interference with religious worship and its consequent heavy penalties.

Ford at Throttle, Firestone Fires

Marquette, Mich., April 25.—Henry Ford is learning to drive a locomotive, Harvey Firestone, millionaire tire manufacturer, is acting as fireman, while Thomas Edison encourages them when they return from the engine cab of the Ford special train touring the upper peninsula of Michigan on an inspection tour of the Detroit manufacturer's properties.

Mr. Ford has taken to his new job with the avidity of a youngster, according to the trainmen with the party, and can handle the engine deftly. Firestone, they said, is a fireman.

Knickerbocker New Manager of Salt Lake Line

Former Alaska Steamship Company Chief to Succeed W. H. Comstock—Headquarters at Los Angeles.

Announcement of the appointment effective May 1 of F. H. Knickerbocker as general manager of the Los Angeles & Salt Lake railroad, with headquarters at Los Angeles, was made today by W. H. Guild, assistant to the vice president of the Union Pacific system.

Mr. Knickerbocker, who has been general manager of the Alaska Steamship company and Copper River & Northwestern railway, taken the place of W. H. Comstock, who resigned to become vice president of the Citizens Trust and Savings bank of Los Angeles. Since August, 1922, Mr. Knickerbocker has been connected with the steamship company.

Prior to that time he held various positions with the Oregon Short Line, including that of general superintendent.

Mr. Knickerbocker was born in Chicago, December 10, 1875. He attended school in Omaha and began his railroad career as a stenographer to the general freight agent of the Oregon Short Line, March 6, 1897, at Salt Lake City.

Salt Lake City, April 25.—The appointment of Fred H. Knickerbocker to be general manager of the Los Angeles and Salt Lake railroad was confirmed here today by E. E. Calvin of Omaha, vice president in charge of traffic of the Union Pacific system. Mr. Calvin is in Salt Lake on an inspection trip.

Mr. Knickerbocker will hold a conference here next Sunday with Mr. Calvin before proceeding to Los Angeles to assume his new duties, according to announcement.

PAVER ABUSED HER, WIFE SAYS

Mrs. Hugh Murphy, Jr., testified in domestic relations court Friday afternoon that her husband came home intoxicated a number of times and used abusive language. He is treasurer of the Hugh Murphy Construction company.

They were married in 1918 and have a child, Philomena, 4. Mrs. Murphy has two children by a former marriage. The home is at 193 South Fifty-first street.

Only Two American Marines Slain in Honduras Clash

San Salvador, April 25.—Only two American marines were killed in the clash in Honduras, reported for the first time in dispatches received yesterday, according to advices reaching here today.

The house began consideration of the child labor constitutional amendment.

A grand jury was selected to hear criminal charges growing out of the oil investigation.

The house shipping board investigating committee inquired into repair work on shipping board vessels.

Newton D. Baker and other opposed the Ford Muscle Shoals offer before the senate agriculture committee.

The McFadden bill to amend the national bank and federal reserve acts was reported by the house banking committee.

River and harbor improvements estimated to cost \$11,000,000 were approved by the house rivers and harbors committee.

The boundary commissioners appointed by the supreme court submitted their report on the Texas-Oklahoma Red river case.

Announcement was made that President Coolidge was attempting to work out a new solution of the Japanese problem.

Invitations were issued by the American government for a conference of Central American republics looking to peace in Honduras.

Acid Ends Wierd Love Triangle

Modern Portia, Killer Because Married Man Spurned Love, Trapped in Flight

Death Foils Detectives

By Universal Service.

Detroit, April 25.—Wanda Stopa, pretty 23-year-old Chicago lawyer, ended her life in the Stalter hotel here today. She took poison.

The girl took her life when she learned Chicago detectives were on the way here to arrest her for murder. She killed an aged gardener in Chicago yesterday when he undertook to prevent her from entering the home of Y. K. Smith, advertising man, whom she had sworn to kill because of a love affair.

After the Chicago crime, the girl boarded a fast train, came to Detroit and secured a room at the Stalter. Late this afternoon she learned through newspapers that she had been traced here. Retiring to her room she took the fatal poison. Her identity was disclosed when her body was found.

Grain Head Hurt in Motor Crash

Frank J. Taylor Seriously Injured as Auto Crashes Into Pole.

Frank J. Taylor, president of the Taylor Grain company, 2801 South Thirty-third street, was seriously injured Friday morning when the automobile he was driving struck a telephone pole as he turned down the incline to the Burlington depot.